Dear Northwestern student,

(Doesn’t that have a nice ring to it?)

The months of comparing schools, completing applications, and touring campuses are over. The waiting for a “yes, you’re in” is over. You are in! Needless to say, we think a brilliant choice was made—by both Northwestern and you.

Because all incoming students have important choices to make and requirements to meet before coming to campus, we give you Purple Prep to use as a one-stop source of information and guidance this summer. Among the items covered:

- Applying for housing and selecting roommates
- Financial matters, including paying fall-quarter tuition
- Submission deadlines for health and immunization records
- Your Northwestern school’s unique academic prerequisites for fall
- Placement/entrance exams and skills assessments
- Connecting to Northwestern’s computer network
- Optional programs before Wildcat Welcome

We urge you to peruse all of Purple Prep the same day you receive it. Commit to revisiting it often between now and September, as it will both drive and direct your first steps as a Wildcat. Updates, supplements, and other Prep follow-ups will be communicated over the summer via the Office of New Student and Family Programs’ monthly e-newsletter, March to the Arch. NSFP’s website—northwestern.edu/orientation—is a great online resource, with links to most everything the class of 2019 and new Wildcat families need to know.

We’re planning 10 days of exciting activities for Wildcat Welcome 2015, which will begin on Friday, September 11, and conclude on Sunday, September 20. Until then, we wish you a marvelous and memorable summer.

Go ’Cats!

Patricia F. Hilkert, Director
Office of New Student and Family Programs
# Master checklist

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<td>✐ Activate NetID and Northwestern email account at <a href="http://northwestern.edu/login">northwestern.edu/login</a>.</td>
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<td>✐ If you missed the 5/1 housing prepayment deadline, go to <a href="http://northwestern.edu/living/housing-assignments/new-students/overview/index.html">northwestern.edu/living/housing-assignments/new-students/overview/index.html</a> for information, or call 847-467-4663.</td>
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<td>✐ Use RoomSync to choose a roommate to include on your housing contract (optional).</td>
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<td>✐ Submit completed housing contract online at <a href="http://https://rms.resservices.northwestern.edu">https://rms.resservices.northwestern.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>✐ Apply for 9PAY tuition and fee installment plan (optional).</td>
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<td>✐ If participating, apply to your choice of CSI-sponsored pre–Wildcat Welcome programs.</td>
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<td>✐ Download the Northwestern Mobile application suite.</td>
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<td>✐ Follow NUIT’s guidelines for computer buying and setup; install antivirus software and review University policies on responsible technology use.</td>
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<td>✐ Start familiarizing yourself with CAESAR.</td>
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<td><strong>IN JUNE</strong></td>
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<td>✐ Mail immunization and Admission Health Record forms.</td>
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<td>✐ Based on your school’s directives in Purple Prep, take any required online placement/entrance exams and skills assessments.</td>
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<td><strong>IN JULY</strong></td>
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<td>✐ Mail final high school transcript.</td>
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<td>✐ If seeking AP/IB credit, request immediate transmittal of AP/IB scores.</td>
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<td>✐ Complete your school-specific requirements.</td>
<td>4–5</td>
<td>Deadlines vary</td>
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<td>✐ Complete Essential NU requirement: Agent of Change.</td>
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<td>✐ Upload I-20/DS-2019 request on CAESAR.*</td>
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<td>✐ Submit photo for Wildcard.</td>
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<tr>
<td>✐ Complete health insurance Coverage Selection Form.</td>
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<td>Starting 7/1 until 10/1</td>
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<td>✐ Add parent/guardian access to student account in CAESAR in time for August billing cycle.</td>
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<td>8/8</td>
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<td>✐ Verify billing preferences and address in CAESAR.</td>
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*International students are required to apply for an I-20 or DS-2019 document to obtain an F-1 or J-1 student visa from a US embassy or consulate for entry and stay in the United States for study. Admitted international students should visit the “Student Visas” section of Northwestern’s International Office website, [northwestern.edu/international](http://northwestern.edu/international), for further information and guidance on completing an I-20 or DS-2019 request.*
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<td>□ If receiving aid, complete loan applications and start following aid-related to-do list in CAESAR.</td>
<td>6, 15</td>
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<td>□ ✤ Register for International Student Orientation.</td>
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<td>□ ✤ Request in-room landline telephone service (optional).</td>
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<td>□ Pay fall tuition and fees.</td>
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<td>□ Complete Essential NU requirement: For the Record.</td>
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<td>□ Complete Essential NU requirement: AlcoholEdu.</td>
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<td>□ Read the One Book One Northwestern selection. (Free copies shipped to students in late July.)</td>
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<td>□ ✤ Time any shipments of belongings to arrive on campus 9/11 or later.</td>
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<td>□ ✤ Attend 9/9–9/11 International Student Orientation.</td>
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<td>□ Participate in all 10 days of Wildcat Welcome.</td>
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<td>9/11–9/20</td>
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<td>□ ✤ Complete request form if changing meal plans.</td>
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<td>□ If eligible, register to receive AccessibleNU accommodations and services for fall quarter.</td>
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*Only for students in University-owned housing*  
*Only for international students*

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**ALL EMAIL FROM NORTHWESTERN**

All email—from your school, academic and peer advisers, the Office of New Student and Family Programs, etc.—is sent to one address only: your @u.northwestern.edu account. You are responsible for receiving, reading, and responding to all messages in a timely manner, so check for new mail every day!

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**HEADS UP!**

Northwestern will not be alerting you to approaching or missed deadlines this summer. Please rely on your own trusted method to keep track of all your due dates.
## School-specific checklists

Additional tasks required by your Northwestern school are shown below:

### JUDD A. AND MARJORIE WEINBERG COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (pages 24–25)

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<td>☑ Familiarize yourself with Weinberg’s website for new students: <a href="http://wcas.nu/the-first-year">wcas.nu/the-first-year</a>.</td>
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<td>☑ Join Weinberg’s Class of 2019 Facebook group (link to be emailed).</td>
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<td>☑ Complete your undergraduate dossier. Go to <a href="http://wcas.nu/the-first-year">wcas.nu/the-first-year</a> to get started—the sooner, the better!</td>
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<td>☑ Complete online placement/entrance exams and skills assessments as required. (Your results form part of your undergraduate dossier, so don’t wait!)</td>
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<td>☑ In response to the prompt in your dossier, write and submit your required essay on academic integrity.</td>
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<td>☑ Rough out a possible fall-quarter schedule and record it in your dossier. (Required before you can submit your Top-Ten List of first-year seminar preferences.)</td>
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<td>☑ Submit your Top-Ten List of fall-quarter first-year seminar preferences.</td>
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### SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION (pages 26–27)

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<td>☑ Explore the website for new SoC students: <a href="http://communication.northwestern.edu/welcome">communication.northwestern.edu/welcome</a>.</td>
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<td>☑ Complete online placement/entrance exams and skills assessments as appropriate.</td>
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<td>☑ Once you have your placement/entrance exam and skills assessment results, complete the survey via a link at <a href="http://communication.northwestern.edu/welcome">communication.northwestern.edu/welcome</a>.</td>
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<td>☑ Check your Northwestern email account for messages from department advisers.</td>
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### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL POLICY (pages 28–29)

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<td>☑ Explore the website for new SESP students: <a href="http://sesp.northwestern.edu/ugrad/wildcat-welcome">sesp.northwestern.edu/ugrad/wildcat-welcome</a>.</td>
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<td>☑ Join the SESP new student Facebook group (link to be emailed).</td>
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<td>☑ Complete any online placement/entrance exams and skills assessments as appropriate.</td>
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<td>☑ Complete the survey at <a href="http://surveymonkey.com/s/IncomingNewStudents2015">surveymonkey.com/s/IncomingNewStudents2015</a>.</td>
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<td>☑ Participate in SESP's optional 8/12 webchat. (RSVP required by noon on 8/11.)</td>
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### ROBERT R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science (pages 30–32)

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<td>Explore the website for new MEAS students: mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome.</td>
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<td>Complete the math placement exam.</td>
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<td>Complete the ALEKS math skills assessment if required by the chemistry and/or math departments.</td>
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<td>Complete other online placement/entrance exams as appropriate.</td>
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<td>Complete the MEAS online dossier.</td>
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<td>Apply to transfer any college course credit (other than AP/IB).</td>
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<td>Purchase MATLAB software.</td>
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### Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications (pages 33–34)

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<td>Explore Medill’s student life website: <a href="http://www.medill.northwestern.edu/experience/student-life">www.medill.northwestern.edu/experience/student-life</a>.</td>
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<td>Complete foreign language and other online placement/entrance exams and skills assessments as appropriate.</td>
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<td>Go to <a href="http://www.medill.northwestern.edu/tech-support/general-computing-info/index.html">www.medill.northwestern.edu/tech-support/general-computing-info/index.html</a> for technology tool purchasing guidelines.</td>
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### Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music (pages 35–37)

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<td>Take any online placement/entrance exams in nonmusic subjects as appropriate.</td>
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<td>Watch for and read the Bienen School’s mid-July email for new students.</td>
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<td>Join the Bienen School’s Facebook group (search for Bienen School Student Affairs).</td>
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### Considering an Interschool Transfer?

*If you would like to change your admission from one Northwestern school to another, please write to the dean of undergraduate admission before July 1. Requests are considered individually, and decisions are contingent on the availability of openings in the school into which transfer is desired.*
Hail, CAESAR!

GET COMFORTABLE WITH CAESAR—SERIOUSLY!

CAESAR is Northwestern’s student portal. Because it’s used for just about everything from applying for housing and paying tuition to registering for classes and getting your grades, familiarity with how it works is a priceless asset. Important information for fully utilizing the system is at ses.northwestern.edu/student_help.htm. Test-drive CAESAR today!

Go to northwestern.edu/caesar

1 Click the CAESAR logo or the Home link to access your CAESAR home page. Later this summer the look of your home page will change as more menus and links become available as Wildcat Welcome approaches; these will enable you to register for classes, search final-exam schedules, view your University transcript, and manage other key information.

2 The Student Financial Services menu contains details about University charges, payment options, your financial aid, and steps to handle money matters online (see pages 13–14). Go to northwestern.edu/sfs/online_services/caesar_howto.html for step-by-step instructions.

3 Under Quick Links, the “Health Coverage Plan” link will become available by July 1. See page 17 for insurance-related information.

4 The Personal Profile menu allows you to add guest users such as a parent or guardian (see page 13) and view and update your user preferences this summer. Later you will be able to update mailing addresses via this menu.

5 Click “Search for Classes” to browse through fall-quarter course offerings. See ses.northwestern.edu/documentation/SC_Class_Search_Tip_Sheet_v9.pdf for helpful tips on searching for classes.
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On-campus housing

HOUSING OPTIONS
University-owned housing provides more than a place to live. Professional staff, resident assistants (RAs), and residential leaders work together to create vibrant social communities that support the academic and personal goals of residents. Students in each building elect a governing body that plans events and activities that generate student interaction and connection to the larger Northwestern community. Residence halls, residential colleges, and residential communities accommodate from 25 to nearly 600 students, with options that include coed, single-sex, first-year-only, and mixed-year living arrangements. Please visit northwestern.edu/living/housing-options/undergrad-housing/index.html to find detailed descriptions of all housing options.

Residence halls
Residence halls have a strong tradition of self-governance through student hall governments and RA-sponsored programs. Students with diverse interests, drawn from all schools at the University, thrive in the residence hall setting. If you are looking for a small community, a large community, or something in between, there’s a residence hall that will feel like home to you. First-year students have the opportunity to participate in hall leadership shortly after arrival.

Residential colleges
Open to all undergraduates regardless of major, each of Northwestern’s 11 residential colleges is structured around one or more themes—such as science, business, or the arts—that shape its academic and social programming throughout the year. Residents explore their common interests and meet for meals with their college’s master (a faculty member) as well as affiliated faculty and staff who serve as fellows. Ranging in size from three dozen to 300 students, residential colleges provide smaller, supportive communities within the University where students with similar interests create a special undergraduate experience.

Residential communities
Students may opt to live in one of two residential communities that offer opportunities to interact with resident faculty members in a shared living environment. Elder Residential Community is home to many first-year students, and Allison Residential Community is home to a mix of returning and first-year students. Each has a live-in faculty member who partners with Residential Life staff to create a supportive academic and social community for about 350 students.

HOUSING PREPAYMENT
New students must submit their non-refundable $200 housing prepayment...
before they can access the online housing contract. The housing pre-payment was due May 11, and instructions were emailed to new students by the Office of Undergraduate Admission; if you missed the deadline, go to the Residential Services website at northwestern.edu/living/housing-assignments/new-students for more information.

**HOUSING CONTRACT**

After your housing prepayment has been made, the next step is to complete the online housing contract.

For access to the housing contract, use your NetID and password to log in at https://rms.resservices.northwestern.edu. The deadline for submitting the contract is June 1 at 5 p.m. (CDT). You may modify your contract anytime prior to officially submitting it. By submitting the contract, you agree to abide by Northwestern’s Residence and Board Contract Rules and Regulations, posted on the Residential Services website under “Policies.”

**Choice of roommate**

You have three options for completing the roommate section of the housing contract:

- If you already have a roommate in mind, request the person by name on the contract. Your intended roommate must do the same—that is, request you on his or her contract. You’ll need to devise and specify a roommate pull-in passcode at https://rms.resservices.northwestern.edu to enable Residential Services to honor the request and expedite your room selection.

- If you haven’t identified a roommate but would like to choose one, you have the option to use the Facebook-based RoomSync app. (A Facebook account is required.) To start your roommate search, go to apps.facebook.com/roomsync and use the access code provided by Residential Services in a mid-May email message. Once you have identified and successfully “synced” with a roommate, the roommate’s name is automatically uploaded to your housing contract. You’ll need to devise and specify a roommate pull-in passcode at https://rms.resservices.northwestern.edu to enable Residential Services to expedite your room selection.

**WHAT TO BRING TO CAMPUS**

For guidance on preparing your packing checklist, see northwestern.edu/living/about-us/faq/packing.

**SHIPPING ITEMS IN ADVANCE**

Residential Services has partnered with the University and Student Services (USS) Ship-to-Your-Room program to offer a cost-effective, convenient, and reliable way to ship your belongings ahead of time. USS will accept your boxes as early as August 1, store them at its warehouse, and transport them to campus before you arrive for Wildcat Welcome. For details go to universityandstudentservices.com/northwesternuniversity.html.

Please note that Residential Services will not accept package deliveries by mail, UPS, FedEx, etc., before September 11. Please visit northwestern.edu/living/services/mail for full guidelines.
If you do not have a roommate in mind and would rather not use RoomSync, Residential Services will randomly match you with a roommate based on the room and roommate preferences you provide on the housing contract.

**Room selection**

From **June 29 through July 17**, students self-select their rooms according to priority numbers assigned by Residential Services. Please keep in mind that when assigning these numbers, **Residential Services gives preference to students who indicate their confirmed roommate on their housing contract.** Early or Regular Decision status is not a factor in housing decisions.

Note that some students change their plans and decide not to enter Northwestern, resulting in partially assigned rooms. Should your room be affected, you’ll be notified by email that you have been assigned a new roommate, which may entail relocating to a different room or residence.

For more information on the housing application and selection process, go to [northwestern.edu/living/housing-assignments/contract-now/new-students](http://northwestern.edu/living/housing-assignments/contract-now/new-students). If you have any questions, please contact Residential Services at 847-467-4663 or [freshman-housing@northwestern.edu](mailto:freshman-housing@northwestern.edu).

**IN-ROOM LANDLINE OPTION**

In-room landline telephone service is available by special request only. Refer to the Student Telephone Quick Reference Guide at [it.northwestern.edu/rts/teleqr.html](http://it.northwestern.edu/rts/teleqr.html) for answers to questions about service features and costs. For more information or to sign up for service by the **September 1** fall-quarter deadline, email [housing@northwestern.edu](mailto:housing@northwestern.edu).

**MOVE-IN DAY**

All students will check in, receive their room keys, and begin moving into their residences at specified times between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on **September 11**. It is not an option to move in earlier. (Only international students and others in mandatory programs are permitted to do so.) Students arriving on campus directly from the airport—with or without a car to unload, with hand luggage only—may move in anytime after 8 a.m.

**Move-in permit**

Because parking near student residences is extremely limited, the University issues time-specific unloading/move-in permits for use on move-in day. **You may check in and park/unload your car only at the time issued on your permit.**

A late-summer issue of the **March to the Arch** e-newsletter will include instructions for signing up for a move-in permit online, specifying your preferred unloading time, and printing out the permit. On move-in day the printout must be displayed on the dashboard while your vehicle is parked, and you must move your car by the end of your unloading time. Longer-term parking will be available in designated lots on campus.
MEAL PLANS

Three meal plan options are available. All include Wildcat Points to use at restaurants and cafés on campus. The Weekly 14 meal plan comes standard with your housing contract.

Weekly 13 Plan
- 13 meals per week each quarter
- 2 guest meal passes per quarter (included on your Wildcard)
- Unused meals expire each week, and the plan resets to 13 on Sundays.

Weekly 14 Plan
- 14 meals per week each quarter
- Up to 3 of each week’s 14 meals are “meal exchanges,” which may be used to purchase “bundles” from select restaurants and cafés on campus.
- 2 guest meal passes per quarter (included on your Wildcard)
- Unused meals expire each week, and the plan resets to 14 on Sundays.

Unlimited Plan
- As much breakfast, lunch, and dinner as you want
- 2 guest meal passes per quarter (included on your Wildcard)
- Unlimited entry at all dining halls, including late nights at Foster-Walker Complex

Additional meal plans are available for qualifying students and students not living on campus.

Go to dining.northwestern.edu for complete information—including all meal plan rates; dining hall, restaurant, and café locations and hours; menus, and nutrition information. You may also send questions to food@northwestern.edu or call 847-491-2020.

You may change your plan only once per quarter by submitting a Meal Plan Change Form on the website or in person at the University Food Services Office at 2122 Sheridan Road, room J147. Fall quarter’s deadline for changing meal plans is October 2.

Dining halls can accommodate students requesting vegan, vegetarian, kosher, or halal meals. Information about nutrients and allergens is displayed in the halls. Students with questions about food—such as gluten-free or other special diets—may contact the on-campus registered dietitian at diet-food@northwestern.edu.

Meal plan access
You may start using the dining halls after receiving your Wildcard (or temporary card) at your assigned Wildcat Welcome Center on move-in day.
Wildcard

The Wildcard is the official identification card for every student, faculty member, and staff member at Northwestern. Secure, convenient, and easy to use, Wildcard lets you do all of the following and more:

- Access your meal plan.
- Check out library materials and use the University Library system to pay for copier and printer use.
- Ride campus shuttles and use campus athletic facilities for free.
- Get free or discounted admission to sports events, concerts, plays, films, and lectures on campus.
- Add Cat Cash to your card and use it instead of cash at convenience stores on campus.
- Get Wildcard Advantage discounts at local businesses.
- Link it to a U.S. Bank account to use it as an ATM/debit card.

Learn more about Wildcard at northwestern.edu/uservices/wildcard/new-students.html.

GETTING YOUR WILDCARD

To arrange to have your Wildcard ready for immediate pickup when you arrive on campus for Wildcat Welcome, go to northwestern.edu/uservices/wildcard/get_a_card/photo-submission.html and upload your photo before August 1. On move-in day, just bring a driver’s license, state ID, current passport, or other government-issued photo ID to your assigned Wildcat Welcome Center (locations noted on the map details on page 53) to get your Wildcard.

If you miss the photo submission deadline, you should plan to visit the Wildcard Office—located on the underground level of Norris University Center (see lower map detail on page 53)—during Wildcat Welcome at the following hours:

9/11 8:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
9/12 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
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9/18 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
9/19 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

You may also get your card if you visit campus before move-in day. Please call the Wildcard Office at 847-467-6843 before you stop in.

SUBMIT YOUR WILDCARD PHOTO BY AUGUST 1

What makes a photo acceptable?

- It’s a 600 x 600 pixel (or bigger) JPG.
- It’s recent.
- It’s in color, with no filters.
- The background is plain white.
- Lighting is bright and even.
- Your whole face is visible and centered in the frame.
- Your eyes are open and visible.
- If you normally wear glasses, you’re wearing them in the photo.

What doesn’t work?

- Hats, sunglasses, or other items obscuring your eyes or face
- Other people or objects in the photo
- Inappropriate facial expressions or hand gestures
- Senior portraits or high school yearbook photos
BANKING WITH YOUR WILDCARD
U.S. Bank has the only bank branch and ATMs on campus, and it’s the only bank that can be linked to your Wildcard. By having a U.S. Bank checking account, you can avoid paying ATM fees on campus and take advantage of U.S. Bank’s many convenient services.

During Wildcat Welcome, U.S. Bank staff on campus will be available to open accounts or assist you with any questions. Students are welcome to apply online for an account at usbank.com/northwestern. From this website you can also print a U.S. Bank checking account application to complete and bring with you to campus.

Money matters

YOUR NORTHWESTERN STUDENT ACCOUNT
Your student account is the means by which you are billed for what you owe Northwestern, including tuition costs, room and board charges, and fees and fines. Information in addition to what follows is available on the Student Financial Services website—northwestern.edu/sfs—or by contacting the Office of Student Accounts in the Student Financial Services Center at studentaccounts-ev@northwestern.edu or 847-491-5224.

ACCOUNT ACCESS PERMISSIONS
Federal privacy law requires that Northwestern not share information in a student’s account without his or her permission. It is strongly recommended that students give guest access to one or both parent(s)/guardian(s). A student gives permission by managing guest access in CAESAR (see page 6): Log in with your NetID and password, choose “Manage Guest Access” from the Personal Profile menu, and click the “Add Guest” button. Permission may be given to authorize your guest to do any of the following:

- View real-time daily account updates (”View My Account”)
- Make secure online payments (“View or Pay Tuition Bill”)
- Apply for the 9PAY installment plan and make payments.
- View or print a 1098-T statement.
- Submit housing prepayment via the “Make Deposit (Housing/Tuition)” option. This option may be used only before the first regular monthly bill is received. It confirms that a newly admitted student intends to reside in University housing and applies the $200 housing prepayment to the student’s account.

CAT CASH
One way to make your on-campus purchases more convenient is to load your Wildcard with Cat Cash. The amount you load is charged to either your student account in CAESAR or a credit card, and $25 is all it takes to get started. Because you can use Cat Cash wherever it’s accepted on campus—to buy snacks or meals, for example—the Wildcard in your pocket can be just as good as—or even better—than cash.
The process of adding a guest includes creating an authorization phrase. The guest will use this phrase (on the phone, for example) when speaking with Student Accounts staff, who may then share specific information about the student’s account.

The guest is emailed a GuestID (generated by CAESAR), but the case-sensitive password also needed to log in to CAESAR must come from the student. A guest uses the GuestID and password to log in to CAESAR and selects from the preauthorized choices. See northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/guest_access.html for more information.

If the guest loses or forgets the password, the student can reset it in CAESAR using the “Guest Center” menu. The guest may also reset the password or retrieve a forgotten GuestID by going to the CAESAR login page and clicking “Trouble logging in?” > “I am the parent or guardian of a student” > “Proceed to Reset Your Password.”

**BILLS AND PAYMENTS**

It is advisable to set your bill-delivery preferences and authorize any guest payers before fall tuition and fees are due. See northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/about.html for information about bill-delivery methods.

You should verify your permanent address and bill-delivery preferences by August 8 to meet the deadline for the August billing cycle. Log in to CAESAR with your NetID and password, and from the Student Financial Services menu choose “View or Pay Tuition Bill” > “User Preferences.”

QuikPAY—Northwestern’s preferred method of billing—allows you to view, print, and securely pay your tuition bill online. You may request that your bill also be sent by US mail by changing your QuikPAY user preferences. Regardless of the method of bill delivery, payments may be made online or by mail.

By mid-August you will be notified via your Northwestern email address that your tuition has been billed for the fall quarter. If you have selected paper billing, the bill will be mailed to the permanent address listed under “My Addresses” in the Personal Profile menu in CAESAR.

Fall tuition is due September 1. Always allow two business days for electronic payments via CAESAR or five business days for payments by mail. See northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/dates.html.

Although tuition is billed quarterly, other charges such as Cat Cash, library fines, etc., may be billed to your student account at any time. An invoice may generate as often as monthly if there is a balance or any new activity on the account.

**9PAY INSTALLMENT PLAN**

Northwestern’s 9PAY installment plan allows you to pay what you owe to Northwestern for the academic year (tuition, fees, room and board charges, miscellaneous student charges, etc.) on a monthly basis over nine months (July 1–March 1) instead of in large lump sums at the start of each quarter. There are no finance or interest charges; the only cost is the $50 non-refundable application fee.

**Estimating what you owe**

The deadline to apply for 9PAY is June 1. Because housing assignments are made after this date, you complete your 9PAY application using estimated room and board costs. Shown below are average charges to help you estimate expenses for 2015–16 and calculate the total amount you owe:

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* Rate for 2014–15. An increase should be expected for 2015–16.
Actual room and board charges will vary by room assignment and meal plan and may include additional charges for social dues. *Any difference between estimated charges and credits and actual charges may be paid upon receipt of each quarter’s tuition and fees invoice.*

For complete 9PAY application instructions, see northwestern.edu/sfs/payments/9PAY.

**FINANCIAL AID**
Northwestern offers financial assistance to students on the basis of need. The Undergraduate Financial Aid Office’s website, undergradaid.northwestern.edu, provides an overview of the application process, a list of frequently asked questions, a college-cost calculator, and other resources.

Staff will be in email contact with students during the summer regarding their loan applications and any information needed to finalize awards. All students applying for aid should check their CAESAR accounts regularly. Anticipated aid will be reflected on the August invoice.

If you have questions about how your financial aid affects your bill, or if you wish to explore the possibility of financial aid and would like information beyond that provided on the website, please call 847-491-7400 or send an email to undergradaid@u.northwestern.edu.

Note that if you are eligible for Federal Work-Study employment, you are required to provide proof of identification, such as a US passport, Social Security card, or birth certificate, at the time of hire.

**Your health**

**IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH RECORDS**
As a Northwestern student, you are required by Illinois law and Northwestern regulations to show proof of immunizations and to complete an Admission Health Record form. No physical exam is required.

All incoming undergraduates are required to complete the Admission Health Record for Non-Healthcare Students. *Note that this requirement is not related to student health insurance coverage (see page 17). To review the health requirements and access the form, go to northwestern.edu/healthservice-evanston, choose New Incoming Students on the navigation bar, and select “Entrance Health Requirements” from the drop-down menu. (For most students these are one-time-only requirements; exceptions include students who go on to a graduate or professional program at Northwestern.) All information requested is kept confidential and is for Health Service use only; it can neither be released without the student’s written consent nor be used to discriminate, deny healthcare, or affect admission status.

The Admission Health Record form and proof of immunizations should be mailed on or before July 1 to the address shown on the form. Students completing series vaccinations and those receiving Health Service notification of deficiencies will be allowed more time. Students who do not rectify all deficiencies within the first 30 days after classes begin will be unable to register for, drop, or add courses until compliant and will be assessed a nonrefundable $100 late fee. Please make copies of...
your completed records and bring them to campus for your reference. For additional information, see “Health Requirements FAQ” under “New Incoming Students” on the Health Service website or call 847-491-2117 or 847-491-2203.

ACCESSIBLENU
Northwestern University and the AccessibleNU Center work to provide a learning and community environment that affords full participation, equal access, and reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities and other conditions.

It is the responsibility of the student to register with AccessibleNU in order to qualify for reasonable accommodations. If you have a condition such as a physical disability, severe food allergy, or a diagnosed psychological condition, please call 847-467-5530 to register with ANU; if you do not register, you are not entitled to services or accommodations.

Learn more at northwestern.edu/accessiblenu.

An incoming student with a verified condition who requires additional time to complete an online exam this summer should register with ANU remotely before taking the exam.

If you received accommodations or services in high school and decide to try taking Northwestern courses without them, ANU advises you to provide confirmation of your condition nevertheless. That way, ANU can easily provide services if accommodations are needed later.

To be considered an active student registered with ANU and entitled to accommodations or services, you must complete the following steps:

- Submit appropriate verification of your disability to the ANU Center. Guidelines are posted at northwestern.edu/accessiblenu/students/considering-registering/documentation-guidelines.
- Meet for an intake appointment with an ANU staff member.
- Sign the agreement detailing the accommodations that will be provided to you.

ANU maintains confidentiality of information; records in ANU files are housed only in the ANU Center and are not part of a student’s academic file. See the confidentiality policy at northwestern.edu/accessiblenu/about-us/mission-values/confidentiality.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES
With a professional staff comprising psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers, Northwestern’s Counseling and Psychological Services offers core mental health services that include one-on-one counseling sessions, psychotherapy groups, psychiatric and medication consultation, educational programs, crisis intervention, and off-campus
referrals when appropriate. Full-time enrolled students may receive up to 12 sessions with a CAPS therapist at no cost, and a CAPS therapist is on call 24/7 year-round for emergencies.

Before coming to campus, it is important for students to consider how they will maintain their emotional and mental health in their first year at Northwestern, and having a plan in place ahead of time is highly recommended. For assistance over the summer, students and their families are encouraged to set up a phone or in-person consultation with a CAPS staff member by calling 847-491-2151 during regular business hours.

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE
Northwestern requires all full-time students to be covered by a comprehensive health insurance plan—either the 2015–16 NU-sponsored plan or a qualifying private plan that covers you in Illinois. International students (F-1 or J-1 US visa holders) will be automatically enrolled in the NU-sponsored plan; all other students must complete the online student health insurance Coverage Selection Form, accessible through CAESAR (see page 6) as of July 1 and due by October 1. Please note that GuestID users do not have access to the form.

Detailed information about the 2015–16 NU-sponsored student health insurance plan and private health insurance requirements will be announced in an early-summer issue of March to the Arch, with follow-up information to be sent to your Northwestern email account in mid- to late summer and early fall.

Note that the Student Health Insurance Office is completely separate from the Health Service. Please do not mistakenly submit the health record form and proof of immunizations (described on page 15) to the insurance office.
Technology

Technology tools and resources—computers, NetIDs, email, mobile devices, campus networks, web-based collaboration services, etc.—and digital security are essential parts of your daily life as a Northwestern student. Complete the seven steps described here, and go to it.northwestern.edu and click “Students” to find out how Northwestern University Information Technology (NUI) can help you make the most of technology resources.

**NUI’S SEVEN STEPS TO GET CONNECTED**

1. **Activate your NetID:**
   - Go to northwestern.edu/login.
   - Use your activation code to activate your NetID.
   - Set your NetID password.
   - Choose security questions for password-resetting purposes.
     (Whenever you forget your password, follow the steps at nuvalidate.northwestern.edu.)
   - Activate your @u.northwestern.edu email account.

2. **Access your @u.northwestern.edu account for email and more.**
   Log in at http://u.northwestern.edu to start using all the great features of your account.

3. **Get a computer and software.**
   NUI’s minimum hardware suggestions are at it.northwestern.edu/hardware, and lots of discounted software is available at it.northwestern.edu/software/students. Just click the software title for information or click “Download” or “Order” to save it to your computer.

4. **Download antivirus software.**
   Protecting your computer is essential, so be sure to install the University antivirus software provided at it.northwestern.edu/software/sav.

5. **Connect to the Northwestern network when you get to campus.**
   Bring a 25-foot network cable for the best network connection in student residences.

6. **Set up your mobile devices.**
   Connect smartphones and tablets to email, the Northwestern wireless network, and much more by following the instructions at it.northwestern.edu/mobility.

7. **Get help from the IT Support Center.**
   Go to it.northwestern.edu/supportcenter, and watch step-by-step walkthroughs at youtube.com/user/nuitcommunications.

**NORTHEASTERN MOBILE**

Install the University’s application suite on your mobile device for real-time access to University news and events, campus maps, shuttle tracker, library resources, the online directory, and more. Get the app by searching for “Northwestern” on iTunes or Google Play, or visit it.northwestern.edu/mobility/northwesternmobile.
SEVEN STEPS TO GET CONNECTED

Step 1: Activate your NetID.
Activate your Northwestern NetID and email account as soon as possible to access the University’s network, your student account in CAESAR, course management tools, and other essential services that you’ll start using this summer. Your NetID and activation code were mailed to you with your acceptance letter.

Step 2: Access your Northwestern email account. This account is a primary mode of communication between you and the University from now on. It gives you access to your email and a range of productivity and social networking tools, such as calendaring, instant messaging, document applications, and much more, all powered by Google Apps for Education. Be sure to keep track of your email password (distinct from your NetID password) for setting up your account on your smartphone and other mobile devices.

Step 3: Get a computer and software. NUIT provides minimum hardware recommendations for Mac and Windows machines. Your school or program may have additional requirements. Northwestern also offers selected software products at competitive prices, including some that are free for download.

Step 4: Download antivirus software. To connect to the wireless network on campus, your computer must be virus-free and should have the latest antivirus and anti-malware definitions and software updates. Before coming to campus or as soon as possible, download and install the University-provided antivirus software. It is the responsibility of every Northwestern student to use the University’s electronic resources in a safe, secure, and legal way. You are expected to review and abide by the University’s responsible-use policies and guidelines.

Step 5: Connect to the network. All student residences offer wired and wireless Internet access, and no matter where you are on campus, a computer lab is never far away. For access to certain services and the best connection for streaming media or gaming in your student residence, bring a 25-foot ethernet cable. And if you bring a printer (even a wireless one), bring a USB cable to connect your computer in your room. It is against University policy to install your own wireless network, and routers and network extenders are strictly prohibited.

Step 6: Set up your mobile devices. NUIT offers instructions for setting up your iPhone, Android, and other devices to access your Northwestern email and calendar, the University’s wireless network, a secure virtual private network, and more. Cellular coverage is widely available on campus, and student residences are specially equipped to enhance the signals from cellular carriers.

Step 7: Get help from the IT Support Center. Contact the center at 847-491-HELP (4357), submit a help request online, or go to the NUIT website for more ways to get support. NUIT also offers many easy-to-follow instructional YouTube videos. On-site help will be available during Wildcat Welcome, and in-person support is available all year for virus and connectivity issues. The IT Support Center can’t fix hardware problems or reinstall operating systems, but it can help you find a repair service, including the Apple Store at the Norris Center Bookstore. You can also follow student support consultants @NU1HELP on Twitter to get technology tips and tech news.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE
Communication devices are readily available throughout student residences for 911 access.

WORK FOR NUIT
NUIT is always hiring students for Support Center and other technology-related staff positions. For information about student jobs—including those that are work-study eligible—go to the “Come work for us!” link at it.northwestern.edu.
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Academic prerequisites

This chapter covers the academic requirements you should fulfill before you come to campus. Key action items for all new students (selected from the master checklist on pages 2–3) are reiterated on this page; for school-specific prerequisites, refer to pages 4–5 and your school’s section in this chapter.

Musts for all first-year students

Mail your final high school transcript to Northwestern as soon as it becomes available and no later than August 1. The date of your graduation or the statement “graduated” must appear on the actual document. Visit the admitted student website at ugadm.northwestern.edu/admit/enrollment-checklist/submit-your-final-transcript.html for additional instructions. You will be unable to register for fall classes until your final high school transcript has been received.

As soon as your grades and any AP/IB test scores are finalized, ask the testing service to send Northwestern a copy of your official AP score report and/or IB transcript immediately. If your AP/IB test scores qualify, you may be awarded credits toward your Northwestern degree. Information about how scores are processed is at registrar.northwestern.edu/graduation/advanced_placement_and_ib.html. See your school’s website to learn how AP/IB credits can apply toward your degree. IB results should be requested by July 15 to ensure that credit is posted in time for Wildcat Welcome advising; requests for AP reports should be made by August 1. If your scores are sent after that date, alert the Registrar’s Office per the instructions on its website to ensure that the credit posts in CAESAR, and bring a paper copy of your scores for use during advising meetings.

Complete any online placement/entrance exams and skills assessments by July 31. Whether you should take a given exam or assessment may depend on your specific course objectives and interests, previous study, AP/IB scores, and requirements set by your school or program. Refer to the information on pages 22–23 in addition to any instructions in your school’s section in this chapter. Information is also available at northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams. A student with a documented condition who requires additional time to complete exams should register remotely or in person with the AccessibleNU Center before taking the exams. For details, see page 16 and northwestern.edu/accessiblenu.

Finish reading the 2015–16 One Book One Northwestern selection before coming to campus. See the sidebar on page 42 and learn more about the initiative at northwestern.edu/onebook.

Include March to the Arch in your required reading. Sent once a month to your Northwestern email account from May through September, the March to the Arch e-newsletter is the official source of any updates, revisions, and supplements to information printed in Purple Prep.
Exams and skills assessments

Before acting on the information below, please read your school’s directives in the pages ahead as well as the guidelines at northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams. Online exams and assessments will be available June 1 through July 31.

**SUBJECT AREA: CHEMISTRY**

**ALEKS math skills assessment**

*Required* for all students—regardless of AP/IB scores—who plan to take either CHEM 101/121 or 171/181. ALEKS is not a placement exam but an assessment of your readiness for college-level coursework in quantitative disciplines. If you plan to take both chemistry and calculus courses, you need to take ALEKS only once.

For the link to ALEKS, go to math.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/first_year_focus.html.

- If your ALEKS score is 60 or below, you are required to complete the ALEKS tutorial.
- If your ALEKS score is above 60 but below 75, the ALEKS tutorial is strongly encouraged but not mandatory.

**Northwestern chemistry entrance exam**

*Required* for all students—including those with AP Chemistry credit—who plan to take any Northwestern chemistry course. Based on their entrance exam or AP scores, some students may begin with courses beyond CHEM 101/121. For detailed information on chemistry placement and courses, see the departmental website at www.chemistry.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/progams/freshmen.html.

For the link to the chemistry exam, go to https://canvas.northwestern.edu (NetID and password required). If you have questions, contact Professor Fred Northrup, f-northrup@northwestern.edu.

CHEM course numbers and titles:

- 101/121: General Chemistry
- 102/122: General Inorganic Chemistry
- 103/123: General Physical Chemistry
- 171/181: Accelerated General Inorganic Chemistry
- 172/182: Accelerated General Physical Chemistry
- 210, 212: Organic Chemistry

**SUBJECT AREA: FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

**Northwestern placement exams in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek (ancient), Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Persian (Farsi), Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Turkish**

*Required* for students with previous training in the language they intend to study at Northwestern who did not take the AP exam in that language. Depending on the language, the placement exam is to be taken online over the summer or on campus during Wildcat Welcome.

For the link to the Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Korean, Latin, Spanish, or Swahili exam, go to northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams.

On-campus exam date for Greek (ancient), Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, Persian-Farsi, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish: September 16

- Students who took the AP exam in the language they intend to study at Northwestern should refer to the website wcas.nu/language-requirement for the relevant placement information.
- Students with any previous Japanese-language experience who intend to take Japanese at Northwestern should take the placement exam even if they took the AP Japanese exam.
**SUBJECT AREA: MATH (CALCULUS)**

**ALEKS math skills assessment**

*Required* for all students—regardless of their AP scores in math—who plan to take MATH 211, 212, 220, 224, 230, 290, or 291. ALEKS is not a placement exam but an assessment of your readiness for college-level coursework in quantitative disciplines. If you plan to take both calculus and chemistry courses, you need to take ALEKS only once.

For the link to ALEKS, go to [math.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/first_year_focus.html](http://math.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/first_year_focus.html). If you have questions, email calculus_coordinator@math.northwestern.edu.

- If your ALEKS score is 60 or below, you are required to complete the ALEKS tutorial.
- If your ALEKS score is above 60 but below 75, the ALEKS tutorial is strongly encouraged but not mandatory.

**Northwestern math placement exam**

*Required* for all incoming McCormick students; please see page 31 for more information. *Recommended* for Weinberg students considering MATH 220, 224, or 230 as an appropriate starting course. Consult the math department website at [math.northwestern.edu/prospective/placement.html](http://math.northwestern.edu/prospective/placement.html) for more information.

MATH course numbers and titles:

211: Short Course in Calculus
212: Single-Variable Calculus
220: Differential Calculus of One-Variable Functions
224: Integral Calculus
230: Differential Calculus of Multivariable Functions
290: Linear Algebra/Multivariable Calculus
291: Intensive Linear Algebra/Multivariable Calculus

**SUBJECT AREA: PHYSICS**

**Northwestern physics placement exam**

*Recommended* for students who did not take the AP Physics exam but who plan to take College Physics (PHYSICS 130) or General Physics (PHYSICS 135). *Required* for students who took the AP Physics exam but hope to enroll in a more advanced course than their AP score would allow. The exam is offered on campus during Wildcat Welcome.

On-campus placement exam date: **September 16**

If you have questions, email placement-physics@northwestern.edu.
Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences

WELCOME TO WEINBERG—where students prepare to lead lives of significance! We’re eager to meet you this September. In the meantime, please follow the steps and complete the tasks described here, all of which will help you accomplish a key goal: to learn more about yourself and your interests.

- First, bookmark the First-Year Focus section of the Weinberg website (wcas.nu/the-first-year) and start familiarizing yourself with its content. You will turn to this site again and again—this summer, in the fall, and throughout the year—for information about requirements and opportunities across Weinberg College and the rest of the University. It is one of your most valuable resources.

- Second, take the opportunity to meet your peers and advisers by joining the Weinberg Class of 2019 Facebook group (an invitation will reach you via your Northwestern email account). We’ll use this platform all summer long to field questions, give advice, and help you navigate what may at times be confusing waters. If you ever prefer to ask a question or supply information (such as exam results) without sharing it with the whole Facebook group, do not hesitate to email the advising staff directly. Just write to weinbergfirst@northwestern.edu, and someone will gladly help you.

SUMMER REQUIREMENTS
Although you have important tasks to complete this summer, nothing you do will commit you to any particular academic path for fall quarter or beyond. Compiling an online dossier, taking placement/entrance exams or skills assessments, even making a list of classes that interest you—all are tasks that will help you learn more about yourself. You won’t register for classes until Wildcat Welcome, after you have met your faculty and peer advisers in person to discuss your goals. The goal this summer is to gather information that will enable you and your advisers to make smart choices.

TASKS FOR ALL WEINBERG STUDENTS
- Online dossier
You will rely on this powerful, responsive tool this summer to keep track of met and unmet requirements, introduce yourself to your advisers, and survey the wealth of academic opportunities available to you. As you fill your dossier with the required information—AP/IB test scores, for example—it will generate options appropriate for you or cue you to complete additional tasks. Later you and your advisers will use the information in your dossier to map out your best path forward. Go to the dossier link found at wcas.nu/the-first-year to get started—the sooner, the better! Your dossier must be complete by July 31.

- Essay on academic integrity
As a Weinberg student, you will be held to the highest standards of academic integrity. So that you fully understand this, Weinberg College requires you to read the University’s policy on academic integrity (available at northwestern.edu/provost/policies/academic-integrity/full-policy.pdf) and then compose a short, original essay explaining the substance and importance of the standards it outlines. In addition to forming a permanent part of your dossier, the essay is the first sample of your writing to be read by your advisers. Your essay is due July 31. Your dossier will prompt you to meet this requirement.

ADDITIONAL TASKS FOR MOST WEINBERG STUDENTS
- ALEKS
As detailed on pages 22–23, you need to take ALEKS by July 31 if you’re planning to take general chemistry or calculus. (If these subjects are not on your agenda, then neither is ALEKS!)

- Placement/entrance exams
As detailed on pages 22–23, an online entrance exam in chemistry and online placement exams in math and foreign languages are available this summer. Any you take must
be completed by July 31. Note that selected language placement exams and the physics placement exam are offered only during Wildcat Welcome. Please determine which (if any) placement/entrance exams are appropriate for you and complete them soon—especially if taking more than one—to allow yourself ample time to factor in the results when roughing out your tentative fall schedule.

**Top-Ten First-Year Seminar List**

Nearly all Weinberg students take a first-year seminar in the fall quarter and another in either the winter or spring. Therefore, most students are required to submit a Top-Ten List of the fall-quarter first-year seminars they would most like to take. Students who may be exceptions are those in the Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences program, the Integrated Science Program, the Honors Program in Medical Education, and the five-year dual-degree program with the Bienen School of Music. MMSS and ISP students typically do not take a seminar in the fall and should confer with their special-degree program advisers. HPME and WCAS/BSM students have unique requirements that often pose scheduling challenges. Fall-quarter first-year seminar offerings are described in the First-Year Focus section of the Weinberg website. Descriptions for winter and spring first-year seminars will appear on the website prior to registration for those quarters. Your Top-Ten List can only be submitted once your dossier is complete and no later than July 31.

**COURSE PLANNING**

After submitting your essay and taking any applicable skills assessments and placement exams, you’re ready to rough out a tentative fall schedule, which is due July 31. Start by looking at the sample schedules here, the information on the Weinberg website, and First-Year Focus information from departments that interest you; then view the course listings on CAESAR. Keep in mind that your choices are meant only as a starting point for the conversation you’ll have with your adviser, and you won’t actually register until Wildcat Welcome.

**AP/IB credit**

If you took AP or IB exams, British A-Levels, or other national exams, your scores may affect your placement decisions. To determine how much credit to expect for particular AP/IB exam scores, consult the chart at wcas.nu/exams-credit. For more information on credit for A-Level or other national exams, email weinbergfirst@northwestern.edu.

**Fall course listings**

To view fall 2015 course offerings and class times, go to CAESAR at northwestern.edu/caesar and click on “Search for Classes.” To find courses in a specific department, choose that department from the course subject drop-down menu. Many departments save spots in popular courses for first-year students so they will appear closed until Wildcat Welcome. Don’t worry! We recommend narrowing your search to courses that fulfill Weinberg distribution requirements. Do this by clicking “Additional Search Criteria” and selecting “WCAS Distribution Requirement” from the course attribute drop-down menu.

**Sample fall schedules**

Schedule variations are almost endless, but the following schedule is typical for nonpremedical first-year Weinberg students:

- first-year seminar
- introductory course related to a possible major (also likely to fulfill a distribution requirement)
- introductory course to fulfill a distribution requirement in an area in which you likely won’t major
- foreign language course

A typical premedical first-year Weinberg student’s fall courses might consist of the following, with variations based on test results or AP/IB credits earned:

- first-year seminar
- first-year chemistry course (CHEM 101 or 171; eligible students may take CHEM 210)
- first-year calculus course, such as MATH 220, 224, or 230
- foreign language course

Of course there are other choices, and you’ll discuss your options with your first-year seminar instructor before you register.
WELCOME TO SoC!
The SoC faculty and staff are excited to welcome all new students joining our school’s five departments: communication studies, communication sciences and disorders, performance studies, radio/television/film, and theatre. We look forward to meeting you this fall and getting the academic year off to a great start.

STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
Located on the fifth floor of the Music and Communication Building, the SoC Student Resource Center is the main office for SoC’s student affairs and academic advising staff, who are headed by

- Sally Ewing, associate dean for undergraduate programs
- Kyla Katz, director of advising and student affairs

A good starting point for finding answers to your questions is the SoC website for new students: communication.northwestern.edu/welcome. The website includes a link to an online survey that you should complete after you have received any applicable placement/entrance exams and skills assessment results. If you have other questions over the summer, please contact us by phone at 847-491-7214 or by email at dear-soc@northwestern.edu.

ACADEMIC ADVISING
Students in each department will meet with their academic advisers during Wildcat Welcome, and advisers will assist students in choosing fall-quarter classes. All new students will be able to meet individually with an academic adviser before registering. Peer advisers will help students navigate online registration via CAESAR. For SoC academic advising staff contact information, go to society.northwestern.edu/advising.

AP/IB CREDIT
To determine how your AP and IB credits may apply to your SoC course requirements, refer to the PDF found under “AP/IB Exams and Credits” on the page at society.northwestern.edu/student_resource_center/class/freshman. If you have questions, please email us at dear-soc@northwestern.edu.

PLACEMENT/ENTRANCE EXAMS AND SKILLS ASSESSMENTS

Foreign languages
Language requirements for SoC students vary by bachelor’s degree program (BA or BS) and major.

All students completing a BA in any SoC department and all students completing a major in communication studies or radio/television/film must achieve foreign language proficiency equivalent to the sixth-quarter course at Northwestern. For incoming students who intend to pursue a language they’ve previously studied, placement at the appropriate course level is based on AP scores and/or Northwestern language placement exams; the applicable online language placement exam must be completed by July 31. Northwestern’s Council on Language Instruction offers a helpful brochure at cli.northwestern.edu.

Chemistry, math, and physics
SoC students who plan to take chemistry or calculus courses should complete the required online placement/entrance exams or assessments in those subjects by July 31; a placement exam in physics is offered on campus during Wildcat Welcome. Communication sciences and disorders students should take the chemistry and math exams and skills assessments even if they have AP
credit in those subjects. Students in other majors may choose from many courses in various departments that satisfy SoC’s math, science, and technology distribution requirement.

For more information about placement/entrance exams and skills assessments, see pages 22–23 as well as northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams.

**Dance placement**

Students who plan to enroll in dance classes beyond the beginner’s level should take the dance placement test in the Marjorie Ward Marshall Dance Center during Wildcat Welcome. The date will be announced.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

It takes a total of 45 credits to earn an SoC bachelor’s degree, and most courses count for one full credit each. For an overview of degree requirements, visit society.northwestern.edu/student_resource_center/requirements.

Each SoC major has distinct course requirements, but all require 18 courses outside the major. These 18 courses, called distribution requirements, fall into three areas:

- math, science, and technology
- individual and social behavior
- humanities and fine arts

As you’ll discover, many courses can apply to your distribution requirements.

A normal full-time course load is four full-credit classes per quarter (fall, winter, spring). Enrolling in three full-credit classes also constitutes full-time status, but to stay on track to graduate, most students have to take four courses per quarter most of the time.
School of Education and Social Policy

WELCOME TO SESP!
The School of Education and Social Policy is delighted to welcome you to an academic year that promises to challenge and change you, excite and enlighten you. The advising staff, based in the SESP Student Affairs Office in Annenberg Hall, will work with you as you face the opportunities and transitions to come. With SESP staff and peer advisers by your side, you can expect to have an excellent experience as a student in our school and at Northwestern.

Your academic and peer advisers will contact you by email in the weeks ahead. If you have questions before then, contact Susan Olson, assistant dean for SESP student affairs, at susan-olson@northwestern.edu.

AP/IB CREDIT
If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your degree. The AP/IB credit policies set by Weinberg College apply to SESP students—except for the SESP provision that allows AP/IB credit to count for up to 7 distribution requirement credits (earned by taking courses outside your SESP concentration). Specifics about scores on each exam that qualify for credit and how the credit is applied are posted at sesp.northwestern.edu/ugrad/wildcat-welcome/ap-credit.html.

As a rule, Northwestern posts AP and IB credit to the academic records of incoming students in late summer. So long as you know your scores (posted or not), you’ll be able to plan your fall-quarter course schedule.

PLACEMENT/ENTRANCE EXAMS AND SKILLS ASSESSMENTS
Your SESP degree program does not require any courses in subjects for which a placement exam or skills assessment is a prerequisite. But many students take interdisciplinary electives, so we encourage all students to complete any relevant online exams or assessments this summer. This is especially important if you are premed or interested in pursuing a previously studied language. See pages 22–23 for exam information, and plan to discuss any questions with your academic adviser this summer. The deadline for completing placement exams or skills assessments is July 31. Additional information is available at northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams.

ADVISING
Your academic adviser will contact you this summer to discuss placement exams, AP credit, and your interests and goals. You’ll meet with your adviser both individually and in small groups during Wildcat Welcome. Advisers work with the SESP student affairs staff, who include

- Susan Olson, assistant dean for student affairs and adviser to human development and psychological services (HDPS) students
- Nathan Frideres, practicum director and certificate in civic engagement coordinator
- Meg Kreuser, adviser to secondary teaching students and manager of teaching certification and licensure
- Ken Powers, adviser to social policy (SOC POL) students
- Megan Redfearn, adviser to learning and organizational change (LOC) students
- Camille Irvine and Gloria Hernandez, program assistants

Staff photos and contact information are at www.sesp.northwestern.edu/common/people/staff/sa.
SAMPLE FALL SCHEDULE AND COURSE REGISTRATION
There is no need to worry about your fall class schedule this summer. You and every new SESP student will work one on one with SESP advisers during Wildcat Welcome to plan a course schedule before registration day on September 18.

Also, keep in mind that each of Northwestern’s six undergraduate schools has unique summer requirements. For example, if you hear that incoming Weinberg College students must submit first-year seminar preferences, don’t worry; there are no first-year seminar requirements for SESP students.

Sample fall schedule
Course choices run the gamut, but the first-year fall schedule of a typical nonpremedical SESP student might include the following courses:

- SESP Core development course, either SESP 201 Childhood and Adolescence or SESP 203 Adulthood and Aging
- course related to your SESP concentration, such as HDPS 201 Introduction to Psychological Services, LOC 211 Introduction to Organization Theory and Practice, or SOC POL 201 Introduction to Social Policy; if you are a secondary teaching student, you’ll take a course in your subject area (English, history, math, etc.).
- introductory course to fulfill a distribution requirement
- social science course that is approved for your concentration or an elective, such as a foreign language course

A typical premedical student’s fall courses might consist of the following, with variations based on test results or AP/IB credits earned:

- SESP Core development course, either SESP 201 Childhood and Adolescence or SESP 203 Adulthood and Aging
- course related to your SESP concentration, such as HDPS 201, LOC 211, or SOC POL 201
- first-year chemistry course (CHEM 101 or 171; eligible students may take CHEM 210)
- first-year calculus course, such as MATH 220, 224, or 230

WEBCHAT
SESP student affairs staff and peer advisers will host a webchat on August 12 at 5:30 p.m. (CDT) to cover general information about the school, Wildcat Welcome, and your responses to the SESP survey (see the SESP checklist on page 4). RSVP by noon on August 11 to receive webchat login information. Though not mandatory, your participation is strongly encouraged.
**Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science**

**WELCOME TO MCCORMICK!**
We’re excited that you are joining the MEAS community. As we prepare to roll out the purple carpet for you this fall, please familiarize yourself with our undergraduate website—[mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome](http://mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome)—and carefully review all the information here.

**UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING OFFICE**
The Undergraduate Engineering Office is your source for assistance and information about courses, registration, majors, your degree progress, study abroad, and more. Your primary contact in the office will be the McCormick adviser assigned to you this summer—Emma DeCosta, Richard Freeman, Ken Gentry, or Janice Mejia—who will remain your adviser throughout your first year. Any one of them may be contacted at mcc-advising@northwestern.edu.

Other staff members may email you regarding summer requirements, transferring credit, and other preparations for Wildcat Welcome:

- Wesley Burghardt, associate dean of undergraduate education
- Joseph Holtgreive, assistant dean of counseling and personal development
- Heather Bacon, assistant director of advising and student development

**MEAS ONLINE DOSSIER**
The MEAS online dossier is your most important tool in planning for fall quarter. In it you will record information about your academic interests, previous coursework, math placement exam results, and other details that will help you and your adviser devise your class schedule. To access the dossier, go to [mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome](http://mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome) starting June 1. Your dossier must be complete by July 31.

**SUMMER ADVISING**
As long as you meet the dossier deadline, your adviser will send you an email by September 1 about your fall-quarter course plan. (Again, the MEAS dossier is absolutely critical to the advising process, so be sure to meet the July 31 deadline.) Your adviser will also inform you of opportunities to participate in group chats online or by phone throughout the summer. Check your Northwestern email account regularly.

In addition to your McCormick adviser, your peer adviser will be in regular email contact with you over the summer. He or she will be a returning MEAS student who can answer questions about life at Northwestern and guide you through Wildcat Welcome.

**WILDCAT WELCOME ADVISING**
The conversation you and your McCormick adviser begin over the summer will continue on campus, helping to prepare you to make informed course choices. During Wildcat Welcome, McCormick advisers will lead group advising sessions, after which your peer adviser will individually help you plan your course choices before registration.

**COURSE REGISTRATION**
On September 18 all first-year MEAS students will complete fall registration at designated times in room G47 at the Technological Institute. (Early registration is not permitted.) Peer advisers and Undergraduate Engineering Office staff members will help you navigate the process on CAESAR.

The sample schedule on page 32 serves as a reference only, though the
Before any of your previous college-level course credit can be transferred, you must submit a form—the Application for Northwestern University Credit for College-Level Course Work Completed Prior to Graduation from High School—for each credit, as well as an official transcript and other supporting documentation. The application form and instructions are found at mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome. Information about transferring college credit will also be provided in your MEAS dossier. Completed forms and documentation should be submitted by July 31 to the Undergraduate Engineering Office, Tech L268, 2145 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois, 60208.

Regardless of any AP/IB scores, all incoming McCormick students must take the math placement exam by July 31 (see pages 22–23). Covering algebra, trigonometry, and differential and integral calculus, the exam is a key tool for deciding your placement level—even if you’ve already earned AP calculus credit. During Wildcat Welcome you will receive a math placement recommendation based on your exam score. Additional guidance from a dedicated math adviser will also be available.

You may access the link to the math placement exam at mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome as of June 1.

ALEKS MATH SKILLS ASSESSMENT
ALEKS is not a placement exam but an assessment of your readiness for college-level coursework in math, chemistry, and other quantitative disciplines.

The math and chemistry departments have separate criteria for determining which MEAS students must take ALEKS. To see if ALEKS is required for you, refer to both departments’ criteria here and on pages 22–23. Even if you are exempt according to one department, the other department may still require you to take it.

- The math department requires ALEKS of all students planning to take MATH 211, 212, 220, 224, 230, 290, or 291, regardless of AP scores in math.
The chemistry department requires ALEKS of all students planning to take CHEM 101/121 or 171/181, regardless of AP/IB scores.

- If planning to take math as well as chemistry courses for which ALEKS is required, you need to take ALEKS only once.

All students for whom ALEKS is required must complete the assessment and enter their score in their MEAS dossier by July 31.

CHEMISTRY ENTRANCE EXAM

Any incoming student who plans to take a chemistry course at Northwestern must complete the online chemistry entrance exam by July 31—even if AP credit in chemistry is expected. If you took AP Chemistry, your entrance exam results will not override your AP credit; rather, your entrance exam score will help identify the chemistry course level that’s best for you.

Incoming MEAS students should take the chemistry entrance exam if any of the following is true:

- Your MEAS major has chemistry requirements. See mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome for a list of each MEAS major’s chemistry requirements.
- Your major is undecided.
- You have declared a major but are unsure that you’ll stay in it.
- You wish to take chemistry in order to fulfill your basic science requirement even though your major does not specifically require chemistry.

See page 22 for more information about the chemistry entrance exam.

OTHER PLACEMENT EXAMS

Foreign language and physics placement exams are also offered. Please see pages 22–23 and visit northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams for more information.

MATLAB SOFTWARE

First-year McCormick students will use MATLAB, a mathematical software programming package, as part of the Engineering Analysis course sequence. You should purchase this software by July 31. You will find a link to download MATLAB for a reduced price at mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome.

CO-OP PROGRAM OPTION

To prepare you for your sophomore-year choice between a four-year educational plan and a five-year cooperative educational plan, there will be four co-op information sessions during Wildcat Welcome, as well as additional sessions during the academic year. Co-op alternates periods of paid industrial experience with academic studies. For more information see mccormick.northwestern.edu/undergraduates/welcome.

THE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

The transition to Northwestern doesn’t end with Wildcat Welcome. To ensure that support is available throughout the academic year, all new MEAS students will participate in the First-Year Experience initiative. Students will meet regularly with staff and peer advisers to gain insights into MEAS life, discuss any questions about academic matters and campus resources, and receive support for their overall wellness during the ongoing transition process.
**Welcome to Medill!**

We’re excited to have you in our community. To start preparing for fall, please review the guidelines here and on the Medill student life website: [www.medill.northwestern.edu/experience/student-life](http://www.medill.northwestern.edu/experience/student-life). Also check your Northwestern email account regularly for messages from your student-life and peer advisers.

Even before you arrive on campus you’ll be supported by a team of friendly and helpful advisers in the Medill Student Life office.

**AP/IB Credit**

If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your Medill degree requirements. Go to the Medill student life website to review the school’s AP/IB credit policy and see how much credit may be awarded for different scores.

**Online Exams and Skills Assessments**

Medill requires either 3 units of a foreign language or proficiency in a foreign language as demonstrated on an AP exam or a placement exam administered by Northwestern. This means that most incoming Medill students will need to take a Northwestern foreign language placement exam by July 31 if offered online, or during Wildcat Welcome if offered on campus. Please see pages 22–23 and visit [northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams](http://northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/placement-exams) for more information.

Medill students hoping to pursue a premed course of study should refer to the University Academic Advising Center’s website, [northwestern.edu/advising-center](http://northwestern.edu/advising-center), for advice about any chemistry and calculus course requirements and then take any recommended online exams and skills assessments in those subjects this summer.

**Academic Advising**

Advisers will be emailing you this summer to share information on topics ranging from placement exams and course selection to your summer activities and your goals as a Medill student. Be sure to read and respond to their messages.

During Wildcat Welcome, Medill students receive advising in two stages: First, you’ll meet with your faculty and peer advisers in a group
for an overview of the Medill curriculum and advice about choosing courses for fall; then you’ll meet individually with your faculty adviser to discuss your Medill goals and your fall courses.

**COURSE REGISTRATION**

Course registration for new students is on **September 18**. Fall course listings are viewable on CAESAR during the summer, but there’s no need to make any course decisions until after you’ve met with your peer and faculty advisers during Wildcat Welcome. In advising groups and one-on-one sessions, they’ll help you choose the classes that are right for you.

Keep in mind that each of Northwestern’s six undergraduate schools has its own requirements. For example, unlike Weinberg College students, Medill students are not asked to submit a list of first-year seminar preferences this summer. Rather than first-year seminars, **all first-year Medill students take a journalism course in the fall quarter for which they will be automatically registered**.

**TECHNOLOGY**

To prepare to succeed in a changing media landscape, Medill students learn how to use a variety of technical tools for communicating news and information.

Before making any equipment purchases, go to [www.medill.northwestern.edu/tech-support/general-computing-info/index.html](http://www.medill.northwestern.edu/tech-support/general-computing-info/index.html) to get the hardware and software specifications as well as find out about financial assistance and equipment rental options. Because technology changes rapidly, updates may become available later in the summer; any updates will be noted on the site, so be sure to check back often.
**WELCOME TO BIENEN!**
The staff of the BSM Office of Student Affairs look forward to meeting you this September. Bienen students come to our office for music advising, registration assistance, and answers to questions about degree progress, changing majors, double-majoring, or adding minors. This July we’ll send out an email covering everything you need to know—from ensemble audition music and schedules to instructions for getting a locker.

**ADVISING**
Academic advising for your music degree will be through the Bienen School’s Office of Student Affairs. Assistant dean Linda Garton will be your official adviser, and staff members Kay Price and Jeff Merkley will also be available to advise you on course requirements and registration. You will have the same music adviser from your first year through graduation.

If you are a five-year dual-degree student, you will have an additional adviser from your other school (Weinberg, SESP, McCormick, Medill, or Communication). Most dual-degree students use the BSM student affairs office as their starting point for advising questions.

You’ll meet your advisers before course registration, which takes place on **September 18**. Peer advisers and office staff will be on hand to help you through the registration process that day.

**AP/IB CREDIT**
If you took AP/IB exams, your credits may count toward your degree. All AP credit is processed through the Registrar’s Office regardless of the Northwestern school you enter, but the schools may have different policies on how AP credits apply toward degree requirements. For a list of accepted AP credits and which music degree requirements they can fulfill, see [music.northwestern.edu/current/index.html](http://music.northwestern.edu/current/index.html). Four-year students follow the Bienen School’s AP/IB guidelines. Five-year dual-degree students follow guidelines set by their nonmusic school.

**PLACEMENT/ENTRANCE EXAMS AND SKILLS ASSESSMENTS**

**Nonmusic subject areas**
Students may take online placement/entrance exams and skills assessments this summer if they intend to take courses in foreign languages, math, or chemistry, for example, or if they’re in a five-year dual-degree program; please see pages 22–23 for guidelines. The deadline for taking online exams is **July 31**.
**Bienen School (continued)**

**DOUBLE MAJOR OR DUAL DEGREE? MAYBE A MINOR?**

In a dual-degree program, you study at Northwestern for five years and earn two bachelor’s degrees—one from Bienen and the other from either Weinberg, SESP, McCormick, Medill, or Communication. With a double major, you study for four years and earn one bachelor’s degree, with your two majors listed on your official transcript. You could double-major in two music areas (performance and theory, for example) or in one music area and one nonmusic area, such as music composition and math. There’s no rush to decide: you can opt to double-major, enter a dual-degree program, or add a minor anytime in your first year or, in many cases, in your sophomore or junior year.

**Music placement**

Music placement exams just for incoming Bienen School students are offered during Wildcat Welcome. These exams ensure your placement in first-year music courses at the appropriate level.

**Exam I: Music theory**

- **Part I—Basic skills (all students).** The exam covers fundamentals such as note reading, major and minor key signatures, rhythmic notation and beaming, intervals, and triad and seventh chord construction and identification.

- **Part II—Advanced placement (optional).** Students wishing to place into an honors section or to place out of a portion of the first-year curriculum may take Part II to demonstrate their mastery of the following:
  - Counterpoint: species writing, melodic structure and terminology
  - Figured bass: realization and melodic composition
  - Tonal harmony: tonal profile and Roman numeral analysis, nonchord tones and cadence types, part-writing, harmonization of a given melody or bass line

**Exam II: Aural skills**

All new students take this diagnostic test, which includes examples of aural recognition (intervals and pitch patterns, chord qualities and inversions in progressions) and melodic and rhythmic dictation. Depending on your results, you may be asked to come in for an individual sight-singing interview to confirm your placement before you register.

**Exam III: Keyboard skills**

This exam takes about five minutes to complete and is used to identify an appropriate-level keyboard skills class. Levels range from students with no keyboard experience to piano performance majors. (Jazz majors are exempt from this requirement.)

A review of basic skills over the summer is encouraged. Websites such as musictheory.net and www.teoria.com are helpful resources. If you have questions, please email Professor Susan Piagentini at s-piagentini@northwestern.edu.

**COURSE REGISTRATION**

Registration for fall classes will take place during Wildcat Welcome on September 18. Because you’ll have had several advising sessions before then, most of your fall schedule will be set before you register.

Based on your music placement exam results, you will be assigned to specific sections of this fall’s music theory and aural skills classes. A keyboard skills class, an ensemble, and a private lesson (studio) teacher will also be assigned. On registration day first-year non-dual-degree music students will have only one course choice to make: a nonmusic elective or distribution requirement course.

Five-year dual-degree students, in contrast, often defer keyboard skills and take two nonmusic courses:
a first-year seminar and a distribution requirement or foreign language course if your other school is Weinberg. If your other school is Medill, you’ll probably take two distribution requirements or one distribution requirement and a foreign language course. If your other school is SESP, McCormick, or Communication, two of your fall courses might count toward your nonmusic degree requirements.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

A regular class at Northwestern carries 1 credit, and a full course load is normally 4 or 4.5 credits per quarter. Below is a typical four-year music major’s first-year course lineup for fall. The first four courses listed are worth .5 credit each; the last two carry 1 credit each (4 credits total for the quarter).

- music theory
- aural skills
- keyboard skills
- ensemble (band, orchestra, or choir)
- private lessons
- nonmusic elective/distribution requirement

A typical five-year dual-degree student’s first-year fall schedule mostly mirrors the above, except that two nonmusic degree program courses (worth 2 credits total) are taken, and keyboard skills is normally postponed to accommodate the additional nonmusic course. Fall quarter’s course credit tally is thus 4.5 credits.

Note that students in certain majors may be required to take additional courses, each bearing either 0 or .5 credit. For example, voice majors also register for noncredit vocal solo and diction classes. Some instrumental majors also register for studio class or studio ensembles. First-year music education majors take a music education class instead of the one nonmusic course in fall quarter. Piano majors may defer meeting their ensemble requirement to their sophomore year or later. Jazz majors take an improvisation course instead of keyboard skills. Details will be explained in group advising sessions during Wildcat Welcome.

Some five-year dual-degree students choose to take keyboard skills in addition to their regular dual-degree course load in their first year, resulting in 5 total credits per quarter. While allowable, this course schedule can make it especially challenging to balance homework, practice time, and getting acclimated to Northwestern; dropping a course during the quarter might then be advisable.

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

The Bienen School’s Office of Student Affairs is here to assist you. Call 847-491-3818 or contact individual staff members by email:

- Linda Garton
  lgarton@northwestern.edu
- Kay Price
  k-price2@northwestern.edu
- Jeff Merkley
  j-merkley@northwestern.edu
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Orientation

From Friday, September 11, through Sunday, September 20, all new students must be on campus for Wildcat Welcome—the mandatory 10-day orientation for incoming Northwestern students that precedes the first day of fall classes. Wildcat Welcome’s detailed daily schedule will be posted online (but still subject to change) in early August.

Described in this chapter are the pre–Wildcat Welcome experiences that offer you the chance to meet fellow new students before move-in day. (All but the orientation for international students are optional.) Also included are a brief overview of Wildcat Welcome activities and the components of Essential NU, a series of issue-oriented programs that introduce new students to the University and community expectations. The chapter concludes with answers to some of the questions most frequently asked by incoming Wildcats and their families.

International Student Orientation

International Student Orientation is a mandatory three-day program for incoming international undergraduate students, a group that includes international transfer students, US citizens who have lived abroad, and any other students who may benefit from the orientation. ISO participants arrive on campus on Wednesday, September 9, and go directly to their assigned residence halls to formally check in.

In addition to providing vital information about immigration, US academic culture, and Northwestern traditions and student life, ISO will introduce students to Evanston and Chicago, allow time for making new friends and settling in, and include activities for parents and family members. Throughout the summer, students will be in contact with their international peer advisers, who will answer questions and interact with them via Facebook, a student blog, and email. Students will also receive the monthly ISO newsletter from June through September. After ISO, all international students will participate in Wildcat Welcome, the 10-day orientation program for all new Wildcats.

If participation in a pre–Wildcat Welcome program would preclude your ISO attendance, please consult the International Office before you apply for the program.

Contact: intoff@northwestern.edu
When: 9/9-9/11
Register by 8/31; registration begins 5/15
Pre–Wildcat Welcome programs

The optional pre–Wildcat Welcome programs offered by the Center for Student Involvement and partner programs are a great way to start your Northwestern journey. Ranging from one to eight nights long, they provide opportunities to build leadership skills, work with student groups, meet other students, and have fun.

- All programs are open to all students. International students should consult the International Student Office before they apply.
- All programs offer financial aid.
- All participants will be back on campus for move-in day. Program organizers will work with you to ensure your return is coordinated with your assigned move-in time.

For more information and links to specific program details, visit northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/pre-wildcat-welcome-programs.

Alternative Student Breaks
Spend a week traveling the Midwest to visit nonprofit organizations, get hands-on service-learning experience, and learn about communities from the people who live there. Students are accompanied by two trained site leaders who facilitate the activities.

CATalyst
A leadership-development program that packs the fun and excitement of being a first-year Wildcat into a five-day experience, CATalyst will enable you to start Wildcat Welcome equipped with strong new friendships and a more comprehensive knowledge of Northwestern life than many students get all year.

Freshman Urban Program
FUP challenges new Wildcats to discover the story of Chicago through a week of service, neighborhood visits, and group discussions. Get to know the issues facing the city—polarizing politics, urban planning and public education challenges, criminal justice issues—and meet the people who make the city thrive. Most important, learn how to stay connected to Chicago through volunteering.

Project Wildcat
Project Wildcat is a leadership program that brings a small group of new Wildcats together for a week of backpacking, camping, and enjoying the great outdoors with two trained student counselors. Join us for the adventure of a lifetime!

Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru) Launch
Launch is Cru’s overnight program dedicated to building leadership skills, strengthening your faith, and creating lasting friendships—even before you set foot on campus.

First Night
Sheil Catholic Center invites you to spend the night before move-in day with fellow first-year students, returning students, and the fantastic staff at Sheil, who welcome you with Mass, a bonfire, a BBQ, games, and other activities.

Freshman Fest
NU Hillel, the home of more than 15 Jewish student groups on campus, welcomes new students at its annual Freshman Fest. The event blends friendship, feasting, and fun with opportunities to get the inside scoop on campus Jewish life, the social scene, sports, Greek life, the most sought-after courses, and much more.

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Wildcat Welcome

All new students are required to attend Wildcat Welcome, Northwestern’s orientation program, starting on September 11 and continuing every day through September 20. Wildcat Welcome highlights are covered here; personalized schedule booklets will be distributed on move-in day.

Living off campus?

If you will be living off campus in 2015–16, you’ll receive your Wildcat Welcome schedule booklet and other essential information at the New Students Living Off Campus Check-In and Orientation on September 11. More information will be emailed to you in early August. Like all new students, you must attend all Wildcat Welcome programming, so please don’t make other plans!

MOVE-IN DAY: SEPTEMBER 11

Move-in day starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. (CDT)—eight hours that can be both exciting and overwhelming for students and family members alike. Knowing what to expect can help ease the process, so what follows is a quick overview; you’ll receive much more information from New Student and Family Programs in August.

On move-in day, at the time listed on your move-in permit, you will go directly to your student residence and, in most cases, head to your assigned floor to meet your resident assistant and get your room key.

Wildcat Welcome peer advisers and other student volunteers will be on hand to greet you when you arrive to unload your vehicle and will assist you in moving your belongings into your room. When you finish unloading, your vehicle must be moved to a designated all-day parking area immediately. The goal is to make unloading quick, efficient, and as pleasant as possible for everyone.

Once your belongings are in your room and the car is parked for the day, take your driver’s license or other government-issued photo ID to your assigned Wildcat Welcome Center—you’ll receive this information in August—to formally check in and pick up your Northwestern class T-shirt and your personalized Wildcat Welcome schedule booklet, every new Wildcat’s go-to guide for the week.

WHAT IS A PEER ADVISER?

A peer adviser is an upperclass student in your Northwestern school who has been carefully selected and trained to guide you through your transition to the University over the summer, during Wildcat Welcome, and throughout your first year. Your PA has been through the whole experience before and is an outstanding resource, so don’t hesitate to ask your PA about your curiosities and concerns.

A GUIDE TO YOUR FIRST YEAR

There will be a great deal to navigate and discover during your first year as a Wildcat. True Northwestern—an initiative created by students, staff, and faculty—will serve as your road map and help ensure that your experience is as rich as it can be. You’ll learn more about True Northwestern from your peer adviser during Wildcat Welcome.

FAMILY AMBASSADORS

Because Wildcat parents and family members need PAs too, students known as “family ambassadors” will be at their service on move-in day and during the following day’s Parent and Family Orientation activities, guiding families to the President’s Welcome and Reception and assisting with all facets of PFO.
Orientation
While students settle in, parents and family members may attend President Morton Schapiro’s Welcome.

Wildcat Welcome’s family ambassadors—knowledgeable, seasoned Wildcats in their sophomore, junior, or senior year—will be on hand to walk parents to the event, which begins at 5 p.m. Following the welcome, the Office of the President will host a reception on Northwestern’s beach. This is an informal opportunity to enjoy appetizers and conversation with other new Wildcat families—a totally casual event to which everyone may come as they are.

Wildcat Welcome Kickoff: Saturday, September 12
With the residence halls and residential colleges full of new students, Wildcat Welcome officially starts! Put on your new class T-shirt, have breakfast with new friends in your residence, and join your RA for a walk to University Place. There you’ll meet your PA and the rest of your PA group for Wildcat Welcome’s signature event: March through the Arch. Along the march route, family members, University staff, community members, and returning students will cheer as you proceed across Sheridan Road, through the Arch, past the Rock, and onto Deering Meadow, where you will be officially welcomed and assemble for a class of 2019 photo.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14
This whole week of Wildcat Welcome will be so busy and fast paced, you will have no time for other activities or events. This is vital to Wildcat Welcome’s mission: to get you acclimated to your new surroundings, to give you opportunities to meet new friends, to formalize and celebrate your membership in the Northwestern community, to provide academic advising and register you for classes, and to help you have fun while becoming a comfortable, confident new Wildcat.

You will devote two full days of the week to working with your school’s academic advising staff and peer advisers to select appropriate fall courses before registration day—Friday, September 18. Additionally, you will be required to complete the Essential NU series with on-campus workshops and presentations on sexual health and wellness, diversity and inclusion, alcohol and other drug use, and mental health. Finally, Wildcat Welcome will offer fun for everyone—wildcat football games, an evening of all-night shopping at Target, and Northwestern-only access to Six Flags Great America with no waiting in lines.

Wildcat Welcome concludes with the President’s Convocation on September 20, the day before classes begin. But don’t expect a post-Wildcat summer vacation. Instead, you'll return to your classes and seminars, new quarter classes and seminars will meet, and you'll soon be in class, attending Wildcat Welcome events and family members may attend.

One Book One Northwestern
To build community across and beyond Wildcat Welcome, the Office of the President chooses a book for a campus wide conversation and special events. The 2015–16 selection is The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America by Thomas King.

In his funny, opinionated, and unconventional account of Native–White relations in North America, King debunks fabricated stories of Indian savagery, analyzes film and popular culture portrayals of Indians (and cowboys), and wrestles with the history of Native American resistance and his own experiences as a Native rights activist. He also chronicles the ever-changing laws and treaties on Native peoples and lands, distilling what it means to be “Indian” in North America.

A free copy of the book will be mailed to you in late July. Many fall-quarter classes and events will refer to the book, so it’s summer reading a must-read!
Essential NU

The mandatory Essential NU series addresses what every Northwestern student needs to know about issues such as Northwestern’s community values, alcohol, inclusion, and mental health issues. Three components of ENU—Agent of Change, For the Record, and AlcoholEdu—must be completed online this summer and are described here. During Wildcat Welcome you’ll attend additional ENU sessions with your peer adviser group. Visit the orientation website for more information. Please note that failure to complete all ENU requirements will delay or jeopardize your winter-quarter registration.

AGENT OF CHANGE
Sexual violence is not uncommon in our society, and college campuses are no exception. While the problem at Northwestern is no greater than on other campuses, we are committed to doing all we can to prevent all forms of violence. We believe each member of our community can contribute to a culture in which violence is not accepted. Agent of Change will show you how.

The interactive program takes an hour to complete and will be available online July 6–August 1. Registration information will be included in the July issue of March to the Arch and on the New Student and Family Programs website. For more information about sexual violence prevention and response at Northwestern, visit northwestern.edu/care.

FOR THE RECORD
For the Record introduces you to Northwestern’s community principles and values through short videos describing student resources, ways to get involved, and University policies. Watch each video attentively—there’s a quiz at the end. The August issue of March to the Arch will alert you to the availability of For the Record and provide full instructions for access. The deadline for completion is September 1.

ALCOHOLEDU FOR COLLEGE
AlcoholEdu for College helps you consider and make informed decisions about the role of alcohol in your Northwestern experience. Providing personalized feedback and strategies for dealing with the drinking behaviors of peers, AlcoholEdu aims to challenge your expectations about the effects of alcohol, encourage reflection on how choices related to alcohol may influence your academic and social success, and engage you in creating a healthier campus community.

AlcoholEdu will be accessible online August 17–September 1. Full instructions for logging in will be included in the August issue of March to the Arch. Regardless of the nature of any past or present alcohol use, all incoming students must complete AlcoholEdu. For more information about alcohol and other drug abuse prevention resources at Northwestern, visit northwestern.edu/alcohol-resources and northwestern.edu/hpaw.

The welcome continues!

Your Wildcat Welcome experience doesn’t end when classes begin. Because every student’s first quarter at Northwestern is a crucial time for creating connections with peers, establishing a firm academic footing, and cultivating a sense of belonging to the University community, you will continue to hear from the Office of New Student and Family Programs regarding ongoing events for you on campus, in Evanston, and around Chicago. You’ll find out more about our plans for your first-year experience during Wildcat Welcome. We hope to help you make your whole first year as epic as the first 10 days!
Wildcat FAQs

WHAT IF MY SUMMER TRAVEL PLANS CONFLICT WITH PURPLE PREP DEADLINES?
So long as you have reliable Internet access wherever you go, you should be able to complete all action items. If this is not possible, please call the Office of New Student and Family Programs at 847-467-3988.

HOW DO PARENTS GET ACCESS TO PAY TUITION AND FEES ONLINE?
Federal privacy law requires that Northwestern not share information in a student’s account without his or her permission. It is strongly recommended that students give guest access to one or both parent(s) or guardian(s). A student gives permission by adding each person to the “Guest Center” in CAESAR. Please refer to “Account Access Permissions” on page 13 for instructions.

WHAT IF MY MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES OVER THE SUMMER?
If your new address is effective before August 1, email the updated information to ug-admission@northwestern.edu from your Northwestern account. For changes effective after that date, log in to CAESAR (see page 6) to update your records.

WHEN DO I REGISTER FOR FALL CLASSES?
Registration takes place on campus on one day only—September 18—and is preceded by two days of scheduled and walk-in advising from academic advisers, faculty, and staff. Peer advisers will assist you at every step of the actual registration process.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO SET UP DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS?
Students request and arrange to receive any and all necessary accommodations through the AccessibleNU Center (see page 16). If requesting accommodations, you will meet individually with ANU staff to review documentation of your condition, cooperatively determine accommodations, and sign an accommodations agreement. Please visit northwestern.edu/accessiblenu for full information about the registration procedure.

WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED OF GRADES?
The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 dictates that a student must grant permission to release grades to others. The Authorization of Grade Disclosure form is provided on the University registrar’s website: www.registrar.northwestern.edu/academic_records/index.html.

CAN I USE ROOMSYNC IF I DON’T HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT?
A Facebook account is required to use RoomSync. But if you prefer not to use an existing or create a new Facebook account, you may opt to have Residential Services randomly assign you a roommate based on the room and roommate preferences you specify on your housing contract (see pages 9–10).

WHAT SIZE ARE THE ROOMS IN STUDENT RESIDENCES?
Because of the large volume and variety of housing on campus, the exact dimensions of specific rooms cannot be made available. But each building’s estimated average room sizes are included in the detailed housing descriptions provided at northwestern.edu/living/housing-options/res-halls.
WHAT SIZE BED SHEETS SHOULD I BRING?
Mattresses in the halls and residential colleges are 80 inches in length—what bedding manufacturers often call “extra long twin.” If interested, you may purchase sheets from Residence Hall Linens, which works with Northwestern’s Residence Hall Association. See rhl.org/nwu4 for product and pricing information.

IS CABLE TV AVAILABLE IN STUDENT RESIDENCES?
Students living in University-owned housing can watch cable television in their building’s common areas as well as in several lounges and other public spaces on campus. Students may also have access to live and on-demand programming through the web browsers on their computers and mobile devices.

WHAT WILL MY CAMPUS MAILING ADDRESS BE?
Each student residence has its own mailing address, which may be found at northwestern.edu/living/housing-options/res-halls.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR GETTING AROUND ON AND OFF CAMPUS?
Northwestern operates several free shuttles for students throughout the academic year, making stops on the Evanston and Chicago campuses as well as at nearby shopping centers and in downtown Chicago. For details see shuttle.northwestern.edu. SafeRide makes evening transportation on the Evanston campus easy and safe; to learn more, visit northwestern.edu/saferide.

ANY ADVICE ON SETTING UP A BANK ACCOUNT?
The only bank on Northwestern’s campus is U.S. Bank (see page 12), but there are several other national banks with branches and ATMs in Evanston. The bank of your choice may be among them.

WHICH MOBILE SERVICE PROVIDER IS RECOMMENDED?
Having a cellphone/smartphone is the norm on campus—especially since University-provided landline service in student rooms is available by special request only (see page 10). Mobile service in the Evanston area is available through AT&T, Sprint/Nextel, T-Mobile, and Verizon. See it.northwestern.edu/telephone/cellphone.html for details.

WHICH HOTELS ARE NEAREST TO CAMPUS?
For a list of Evanston-area lodgings, see ugadm.northwestern.edu/visit/plan-your-visit/area-lodging.html.

HOW CAN I GET TO CAMPUS FROM O’HARE OR MIDWAY AIRPORT?
The trip to Evanston can be made by car, train, bus, airport shuttle, limo, or taxi. For advice and driving directions, see northwestern.edu/uservices/transportation/airport.

IF I ATTEND A PRE-WILDCAT WELCOME PROGRAM, MAY I STORE MY STUFF FOR MOVE-IN DAY ON CAMPUS?
Yes—but there’s a limit to how much can be stored. If participating in Alternative Student Breaks, CATalyst, Project Wildcat, or the Freshman Urban Program, you may bring one extra bag or suitcase of packed items for move-in day to store on campus for the program’s duration. Additional belongings may be preshipped to campus if no other means of transporting them in time for move-in day exist (see sidebar on page 9).

ARE THERE WILDCAT WELCOME ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS?
Yes. Parent and Family Orientation events begin on September 11 with President Morton Schapiro’s Welcome and Reception and conclude on September 13. The complete PFO schedule will be available on the NSFP website in late July.

WHEN DOES WILDCAT WELCOME END FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES?
Because students are soon immersed in full-day Wildcat Welcome activities, a “Kiss ’n’ Bye” period is scheduled on Sunday, September 13. Most families depart campus after attending that day’s final PFO activities.
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- [northwesternu.tumblr.com](https://northwesternu.tumblr.com)
- [instagram.com/northwesternu](https://instagram.com/northwesternu)
- [youtube.com/northwesternu](https://youtube.com/northwesternu)
- [plus.google.com/+NorthwesternUniversity](https://plus.google.com/+NorthwesternUniversity)
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#### Residences north of Foster Street

Ayers Residential College of Commerce and Industry (ACCI)
2324 Campus Drive

Bobb Hall
2305 Sheridan Road

Elder Residential Community
2400 Sheridan Road

Goodrich House
2321 Sheridan Road

Kemper Hall
2420 Campus Drive

Lindgren Hall
2309 Sheridan Road

McCulloch Hall
2315 Sheridan Road

Residential College of Cultural and Community Studies (CCS)
2303 Sheridan Road

Sargent Hall
2245 Sheridan Road

Slivka Residential College of Science and Engineering
2332 Campus Drive

#### Residences south of Foster Street

Allison Residential Community
1820 Chicago Avenue

Communications Residential College (CRC/East Fairchild)
1855 Sheridan Road

1856 Orrington Avenue

1835 Hinman Avenue/Interfaith Living and Learning Community

Foster-Walker Complex
1927 Orrington Avenue

Humanities Residential College (Chapin Hall)
726 University Place

International Studies Residential College (ISRC/West Fairchild)
1861 Sheridan Road

Jones Fine and Performing Arts Residential College
1820 Sheridan Road

North Mid-Quads Hall
650 Emerson Street

Public Affairs Residential College (PARC)
1838 Chicago Avenue

Rogers House
647 University Place

720 Emerson Street

626 Emerson Street

Shepard Residential College
626 University Place

South Mid-Quads Hall
655 University Place

Willard Residential College
1865 Sherman Avenue

Women’s Residential College (Hobart House)
630 Emerson Street

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Over the summer, the *March to the Arch* newsletter will update you on housing, parking, and other move-in day logistics that were still pending when *Purple Prep* went to press.